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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for initiating an online meeting over a data network between a host party with a first computer and an attendee party with a second computer, where a phone connection exists over a telephone network between a first phone of the host party and a second phone of the attendee party, the method comprising:

sending a start meeting message over the data network to a data center;
receiving a meeting identification from the data center;
storing the meeting identification in a first device, which is coupled to both the first phone and the first computer; and
transmitting the meeting identification from the first device over the telephone network to a second device, which is coupled to both the second phone and the second computer.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving the meeting identification into the second device; and
using the second device to send a join meeting message over the data network to the data center.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the telephone network comprises a public switched telephone network.

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4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data network comprises an internet.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
encoding the meeting identification by the first device prior to transmitting the meeting identification over the telephone network to the second device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the second device receives the meeting identification by monitoring the phone connection to detect the encoded meeting identification.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said encoding converts the meeting identification into a dual tone multiple frequency (DTMF) signal.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
initiating an audio recording of the meeting by user input on one of said devices.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
recording audio of the meeting from the phone connection through one of said devices to the compute coupled thereto.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
recording audio of the meeting from the phone connection within flash memory
of one of the said devices.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
enabling a privilege-to-record field for the attendee prior to allowing an audio
recording of the meeting by way of the second device.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
a third party with a third computer joining the meeting using a third device
which is coupled to both a third phone and a third computer.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving an audio message from the data center and playing the audio
message to one of said parties.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the audio message includes
instructions relating to the meeting.

15-28. (Canceled)

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29. (Original) An adaptor product configured to bridge a telephone network and a data network, the adaptor product comprising:

means for transmitting a start meeting message over the data network to a data center;

means for receiving a meeting identification from the data center into the adaptor product; and

means for transmitting the meeting identification from the adaptor product over the telephone network to a second adaptor product.

30-35. (Canceled)